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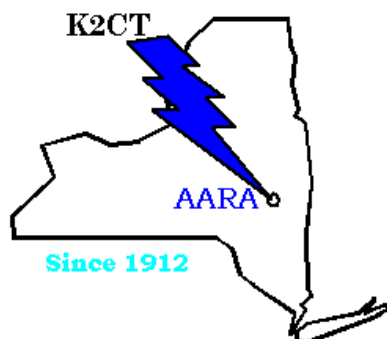
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## AARA

AARA Meets at the  
**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**Delaware Ave**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Friday Nov 4**  
Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting begins 7:47 PM  
refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## NOV. MEETING

### An interactive talk on the **Logbook of The World**

Logbook of The World - LoTW - is an exciting way for Radio Amateurs to confirm two-way contacts they have made and use the confirmations as credit toward various awards.

<http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>

### **K2CT Repeater**

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz  
pl tone 103.5Hz

### **AARA Dues**

Dues are \$15 with B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in .pdf format [www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)  
OR

\$20 for mailing of the newsletter Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to:  
Saul Abrams, K2XA  
307 Maple Rd.  
Slingerlands, NY 12159

## 50/50 Raffle at the meeting

\$1.00 for 1 ticket OR 3 tickets for \$2.00

# December AARA meeting is the Election Meeting

Fri. Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

A holiday celebration with free refreshments

## 2011 CQWW DX RTTY CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
NX2X	SO (H) A	1144	439	1,252,028
K2ONP	SO (L) A	236	220	147,620
WA3AFS	SO (L)	46	67	7,102

## UPCOMING CONTESTS

ARRL November Sweepstakes CW Nov 5-7  
WAE DX Contest, RTTY Nov 12-13  
EPC PSK63 QSO Party Nov 20

ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes Phone Nov 19-21  
CQ World-Wide DX CW November 26-27  
ARRL 160-Meter Contest Dec 2-4  
TARA RTTY Melee Dec 3

Send us your scores!

73, Walt, WA1KKM, and Sue, N2LBR [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)



Seen at the OCT. AARA Meeting



The following article and photos are from The Walter W. Eck Biennial Fire Police Training Seminar of October 1, 2011. The Seminar was conducted at the Fuller Road Firehouse, Colonie, and was sponsored by The Fire Police Association of Albany County. There were 109 attendees from nine counties in NYS and Fire Police Officers from Vermont.

*The following AARA members made presentations at the Seminar:*

John Fritze, K2QY, AARA President and Albany County RACES Deputy Radio Operator, "Albany County Amateur Communications Emergency Services" David Galletly, KM2O, Albany County RACES Deputy Radio Officer "Emergency Communications and the HAM Radio Operator" and, Gerald W. Murray, WA2IWW "Amateur Radio Training in Today's World" "



Seminar attendees

Thank you,  
Tom With (KC2YHW)  
Chair  
The Walter W. Eck Biennial Fire Police  
Training Seminar 2011,  
The Fire Police Association of Albany County,  
TFPAAC

John Fritze, K2QY and his presentation



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# ATVET 2011 EXAM SCHEDULE

## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

CII Building - Room **3045**, RPI Campus, Troy, NY <http://www.n2ty.org/arvet.htm>

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
November 12, 2011	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or 518-482-8700

### **The 2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 13 2011, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM**

**Biagio's Restaurant – 299 Paramus Road – Paramus NJ**

*Maps and Driving Directions are available at this Website: [www.hudson.arrl.org](http://www.hudson.arrl.org)*

*GPS Coordinates: N 40.94640 W 74.09327*

### **This year's event is hosted by The East Coast DX Association**

**The food will be good, the camaraderie will be great, and there will be plenty of door prizes**

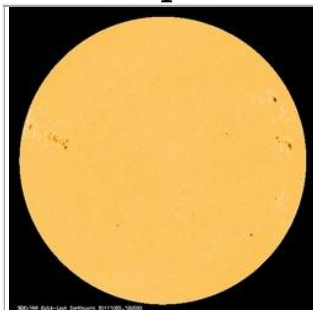
*There are a only a limited number of Tickets available for the Luncheon*

*Please order as early as possible to be assured a seat!*

Website: [www.hudson.arrl.org](http://www.hudson.arrl.org) for more info.

## **Solar Update**

The ARRL Letter for October 20, 2011



The Sun, as seen on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from [NASA's SOHO Extreme Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope](#). This [MDI](#) (Michelson Doppler Imager) image was taken in the continuum near the Ni I 6768 Angstrom line. The most prominent features are the sunspots. This is very much how the Sun looks in the visible range of the spectrum.

Tad "[Blackbirds and the Sun of October](#)" Cook, K7RA, reports: The high solar activity -- relative to the past few years -- continues. The average daily sunspot number rose more than 66 percent this week (October 13-19) over last week, to 158.6, while the average daily solar flux for the same period rose more than 15 percent to 144.2. With the geomagnetic indices this week below the previous week, radio amateurs have frequently worked stations on other continents as late as midnight on 10 meters. The bands are alive. The latest forecast from USAF/NOAA shows solar flux from October 20-23 at 145, 150, 150 and 140, then 135 on October 24-28, and then 130 on October 29-November 3. The planetary A index is predicted at 5 on October 20-27, 8 on October 28-30 and 5 on October 31-November 2. Geophysical Institute Prague shows quiet conditions October 21-13, quiet to unsettled October 24 and quiet again October 25-27. Look for more information on the ARRL website on Friday, October 21. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the [ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page](#). This week's "Tad Cookism" is brought to you by Dylan Thomas's [Poem in October](#).

**The Nominating Committee Ernie, K2EP, George K2ONP and Jack, KC2ZDC  
Are accepting nominations for Officers for AARA Please give one a call to serve.  
Nominations from the floor are also accepted at the Nov and Dec meeting**